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Money upon him. Your Petitioner conscious of his Harmless intentions was astonished to find his conduct grossly misrepresented in Testimony which charged him with having behaved rudely and indecently to the said Virlinder Haislup. As she received no hurt and as your petitioner has little to Subsist on other than the profits arising from his industrious Labour (for himself his wife and children) your petitioner was grieved to find the Court imposed a Fine upon him which he most humbly hopes your Excellency will think immoderate and excessive and will grant him such releif as your Excellency in mercy shall think proper and your petitioner shall pray

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Wee the Subscribers Neighbours and acquaintances of the within mentioned Joseph Nelson do certify that he hath allways been esteemed a well behaved modest man and in every other respect hath allways sustained a reputable Honest Character and we never heard of his being guilty of or Charged with any misdemeanour except the within mentioned assault and have the greatest reason to believe the facts therein stated are true. We therefore recommend him to Your Excellencys clemency. We the Subscribers were present at the Trial when the within mentioned Fine was imposed and are of opinion that the same was immoderate and excessive.

[Overton Carr, to His Excellency Thos. Sim Lee Esq^r]

Mr Hanson going to Annapolis affords a safe opportunity of getting down my Papers, I have therefore to request, that your Excellency will be so obliging, as to deliver them to him. That Clause in my Bond (to the State) which confines me to Prince Georges